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GREENVILLE DELEGATION VOTES 2-1/4 MILLS FOR COUNTY LIBRARY

As a result of an intensive campaign by the Greenville Friends of the Library and interested citizens, the County Delegation has voted a 2-1/4 millage levy for the support of a new county library system by the consolidation of the present city and county libraries. The Friends Group had requested a 3 mill levy, which was favored by four members of the Delegation.

An editorial in the Greenville News, March 2, 1961, comments:

Although the funds to be made available fall short of what those who have been running it feel is necessary, the action of the County Legislative Delegation looking to the consolidation of the two branches of the Greenville Public Library and levying a countywide tax for operation gives that institution a new lease on life.

It marks a long step toward giving the whole of Greenville County the kind of library service it needs and it lays the foundation for a gradual buildup, with public support, that ultimately could provide one of the best public libraries in this area.

It will take time, for we are starting so far behind comparable communities, but we can be thankful the beginning has been made.

The County Legislative Delegation has agreed to introduce a bill which will set up a single county-wide board of trustees for the library, replacing the City Board which has been in existence since about 1923, and the County Board which was created soon thereafter.

The joint board will administer the whole library program, rather than having the county department rent facilities and buy services from the city department as is now the case...

With continued support from all those who have been interested, the Greenville Public Library can become an institution of which all citizens are proud, rather than ashamed, and can make its proper contribution to the educational, cultural and recreational life of all of Greenville County.

By effecting this unified county library system, Greenville County will qualify for a grant from the South Carolina State Library Board. An allotment of \$45,000 to be expended over a three year period is offered by the State Library Board to counties which consolidate all public libraries within the county.

STATE LIBRARY BOARD TO SPONSOR WINTHROP WORKSHOP

The S. C. State Library Board in cooperation with Winthrop College will sponsor a two-weeks workshop for library assistants to be held at Winthrop July 23 - August 5. Mrs. Von Etta M. Salley, Librarian and Professor of Library Science, Columbia College, has been appointed instructor, and Miss Gladys M. Smith, Librarian and Head of the Department of Library Science, Winthrop College, will act as director. The purpose of the workshop is to give public library assistants without formal training an introduction to the elements of book selection, reference work, and cataloging. The course will carry no credits. The only requirement for admission will be that the applicants be employed at present in a public library in South Carolina and that they expect to continue working for at least another year.

More specific details will be announced within the month.

Meanwhile, library assistants who would like to attend and librarians who would like to send staff members are urged to begin now to plan toward that end.

NOTIFICATION OF RETURN SHIPMENT OF INTERLIBRARY LOAN BOOKS

R. Bryan Roberts, Reference Consultant, S. C. State Library Board, requests that libraries returning books borrowed on interlibrary loan make certain that a notice of return shipment is mailed at the same time as the books. (See: S. C. State Library Board County Library Manual, Reference and Interlibrary Loan Service Regulation #22 dated 12/16/60.)

These notices promptly call attention to books lost in transit and serve as a record of the return of books.

NEWBERY - CALDECOTT AWARDS

Scott O'Dell and Nicholas Sidjakov are winners of the 1961 Newbery and Caldecott Medals for the most distinguished children's books published in 1960.

The John Newbery Medal, given annually since 1922 for the "most distinguished contribution to American literature for children" goes to Scott O'Dell for Island of the Blue Dolphins published by the Houghton Mifflin Company of Boston, Massachusetts.

The Randolph Caldecott Medal, awarded since 1938 to the artist of the year's "most distinguished American picture book," was won by Nicholas Sidjakov for Baboushka and the Three Kings, published by Parnassus Press, Berkeley, California.

Presentation of the medals will be made on Tuesday, July 11, at a banquet at the Pick-Carter Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio, during the annual conference of the A.L.A.

Facsimiles of the medals for award book displays may be obtained from the Children's Services Division office, ALA, 25 for \$1.00. It must be specified which medal facsimile is desired.

The Newbery Caldecott kit, which includes a decorated stand and two slit cards, can be obtained for \$2.00 from the Children's Book Council, 175 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y. Additional slit cards are 75 cents a pair.

Bookmarks listing all books which have received the awards can be ordered for either award from the Children's Book Council. These include the newly selected winners. 100 for \$1.00 and 1000 for \$9.00. Orders must specify which medal bookmark is desired.

GREAT BOOKS FOUNDATION

Mr. Howard C. Will, Jr. is now the Southern Area Director of the Great Books Foundation and is available to help librarians organize new discussion groups. His address is 2000 North Parkway, Memphis 12, Tennessee.

A new group has been organized under the sponsorship of the Friends of the Greenville Public Library. Fifty-one persons attended the first meeting. Mr. Will says that this was one of the largest turn-outs for Great Books that he has encountered in any city anywhere in the South.

The group sponsored by the Marion Public Library continues to gain in popularity.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK -- APRIL 16-22, 1961

To add a new feature to National Library Week, a "Light Up America Night" has been proposed for Monday, April 17. The following ideas are suggested:

1. To dramatize the "Freedom to Read" by keeping libraries open one additional hour at night. (Possibly schedule an "open house" or other event which will attract non-library users.)
2. To floodlight the exterior of the public library building for this night or for the full week.
3. To do one or the other of the above in cooperation with the press, radio and TV and with the participation of trustees, the library staff, Friends groups, the local government, and local utilities.

If your local committee wishes to use this idea, one of the first points of contact might be the local electric company.

Please remember to keep Mrs. Catherine H. Lewis, S. C. Executive Director, informed of activities in your community.

FROM THE A L A WASHINGTON OFFICE

Library Services Act

Hearings on the budget request of \$7,500,000 for fiscal 1962 will probably be scheduled about the middle of March. South Carolina is not represented on the Subcommittee to consider the appropriation but Congressman John J. Riley is a member of the Appropriations Committee. While we have concrete evidence of Mr. Riley's support of library legislation, letters from his constituents thanking him for past efforts and requesting favorable action on this legislation are in order. His address is as follows: Congressman John Jacob Riley, House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

Surplus Property

Bills to make public libraries eligible to receive surplus property have been introduced in the Senate and in the House. The House bills have been referred to the Donable Property Subcommittee of the House Committee on Government Operations. The Senate subcommittee has not been appointed.

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Louisiana State Library Scholarships

Louisiana State Library is offering through funds available under the Library Services Act two \$2,000 scholarships for graduate study leading to a Master's degree in Library Science. South Carolinians are eligible. Information and application forms may be secured by writing to: Dr. Essae M. Culver, State Librarian, Capitol Grounds, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Melcher Scholarship

Applications for the Frederic G. Melcher Scholarship for the training of librarians to work with children must be in the hands of the Melcher Scholarship Committee chairman, Mae Graham, Division of Library Extension, State Department of Education, 301 West Preston Street, Baltimore 1, Maryland, by the deadline of April 1, 1961. Application blanks may be obtained from the chairman.

University of North Carolina Library Fellowship

In cooperation with the University Library, the School of Library Science of the University of North Carolina offers several Library Fellowships of \$1,500 each to candidates for the M.S. in L.S. degree. Fellowship holders secure a variety of work experience by being scheduled for 20 hours of work each week in selected departments of the Louis Round Wilson Library. Applications should be made not later than May 15 for a July award or August 15 for a September award. Apply to Miss Jean Freeman, Admission Officer, School of Library Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C., for information and application blanks.

The E. P. Dutton - John Macrae Award for the Advancement of Library Service to Children and Young People

A \$1,000 fellowship in honor of two former presidents was established by the E. P. Dutton Company in 1952. This award provides an opportunity for formal or informal advanced study by a professionally-educated librarian who has had at least three years experience in libraries serving children, young people, or young adults. Several previous awards were made for studies of service provided for children and youth. Write for application blanks and complete details to: Chairman, Dutton-Macrae Award Committee, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Ill. Completed applications must be received before April 1.

John Cotton Dana Publicity Award See 43rd Issue of News for Public Librarians for details.

S. C. MAGAZINES FOR EXCHANGE

The Horry County Memorial Library has duplicates of the following issues of the South Carolina Magazine: Winter 1939-40 (cover missing), Fall 1940, Spring 1942 (this one is bound), 1949: January, March - September, November, December; 1955: May - December; 1956: January - December; 1957: January - December, which they would like to exchange for the following issues of the magazine: 1937--one issue for the year; 1938--one issue for the year; Volume 10--all issues except #5; Volume 11--all issues except #7; February 1949, May 1950, June 1951, and April 1954.

If you have duplicates of the issues in the latter category which you wish to exchange for those listed first above, please communicate with Mrs. Catherine H. Lewis, Librarian, Horry County Memorial Library, Conway, South Carolina.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT RESCINDS RULING

In the December issue of the News for Public Librarians there was an announcement that no additional library installations in post offices would be authorized by the Post Office Department.

Miss Martha Parks, Director, Public Libraries Division, Tennessee State Library and Archives, has just completed a successful campaign to have this order amended. The following is quoted from a letter from Mr. B. B. Barnes, Deputy Assistant Postmaster General, to Tennessee Congressman Tom Murray:

As requested, we have carefully reconsidered this matter and, as a result, have decided to amend our original instructions. Where currently authorized, the libraries may remain in operation. A Postal Bulletin notice is currently being prepared, which will authorize Regional Operations Directors to allow additional library installations at third and fourth class post offices, provided the libraries do not interfere with the proper operation of the post offices.

NEW FILM CATALOGUE READY FOR DISTRIBUTION

A new and up to date film catalogue has been prepared by the South Carolina Civil Defense Agency. The catalogue has a current list of all films in the SCCD library along with brief descriptions of each film and its running time.

To obtain one of the new catalogues, address a postcard to: Mrs. Eve Cousar, Film Librarian, S. C. Civil Defense Agency, 1519 Gervais Street, Columbia, S. C.

SUMTER PUBLIC AND SCHOOL LIBRARIES COOPERATE

Mr. Chapman J. Milling, Jr., Librarian of the Carnegie Library, Sumter, and local school officials have worked out a plan regulating the use of the public library by students writing term papers. We quote Mr. Milling for the benefit of other public librarians who will be interested in the details of the Sumter plan:

You might be interested to know that we are trying slips with Edmunds High School Students doing term paper research. The slips certify that the student has exhausted the facilities of the school Library. Slips must be signed by the school librarian and the teacher involved. The purpose of this system is primarily to control and lessen the term paper deluge which, with us, becomes such a problem in late winter through early spring. The system is still in the experimental stage, but we have noticed that the problem is not nearly so acute as last year and the years previous. There is some dissatisfaction among students which is disturbing.

SCULPTURE FOR CHARLESTON COUNTY LIBRARY

The Home Federal Savings and Loan Association, Charleston, S. C., is sponsoring three pieces of sculpture by Willard Hirsch, internationally known sculptor of Charleston, for the exterior of the new Charleston County Library building.

The sculpture will be executed in stainless steel, and will show, over the main entrance, a panel depicting community use of the library; over the children's entrance, a panel from Alice in Wonderland; and on the King Street side, a portion of the seal of the County of Charleston.

Charleston County Library authorities expressed a deep gratification over the gift and feel that it will add to the beauty of the exterior of the building.

BOOKS FOR EXHIBIT

The State Library Board receives newly published children's books from 44 publishers under a program sponsored by the American Library Association - Children's Book Council Joint Committee. These books are available in small loan collections for exhibits. If public libraries wish an exhibit for National Library Week or for any occasion, it will be supplied upon request by the State Library Board. The size of the collection may limit the number of loans available at one time.

An exhibit of children's books, which are published abroad and which are representative of foreign illustration and format, may also be obtained from the State Library Board.

LIBRARIANS ARE TALKING ABOUT

"Current Trends in Bookmobiles," edited by Harold Goldstein, Library Trends, January 1961. A full number of a quarterly professional journal devoted to a subject of concern to all S. C. public librarians. Articles included in this issue deal with such subjects as "Potentialities and Capabilities of Bookmobiles for Library Service," "Personnel and Bookmobile Service," "Selection of the Bookmobile," "Budgeting the Operation Cost of Bookmobiles," "Bookmobiles in the Libraries of Tomorrow," etc. Order from the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science, Urbana, Ill. Subscription price to Library Trends for 1 year, \$5.00; for this issue (Vol. 9, No. 3), \$2.00.

Library Quarterly, January 1961. Contains papers on "Persistent Issues in American Librarianship" presented to the 25th annual conference for librarians and teachers of library science held at the Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, last August. (See the September 1960 issue of this newsletter.) Order from the University of Chicago Press, 5750 Ellis Avenue, Chicago 37, Ill. Price \$2.25.

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Anne Library

Dear Anne:

I am so provoked with our library that I just have to write to someone to let off steam. Everytime I go in that place it costs me money! Two cents for one book, four cents for another, and today fourteen cents! I do not complain about the taxes I pay to support the library; it is thoroughly worthy of public support. My irritation springs from a conviction that tax support should be sufficient, and that if it is not, the library tax should be increased. Why must an institution as important to the community as this beggar itself by resorting to fines on overdue books to raise money? Can't something be done to stop this nuisance?

Agitated Agnes

Dear A.A.:

Yes, a very simple thing: Bring your books back on time.

At the risk of agitating you further, I must tell you that the purpose of those overdue fines is to irritate and agitate you--into bringing your books back promptly so that someone else may have a chance to use them. The small fees charged hardly pay the costs of recovering overdue books, much less produce revenue. Most librarians agree with you that they are a nuisance and would gladly abolish these fines if people like you would return books on time.

SEEN HERE AND THERE

A Centennial Memorial Service being held in Lexington on Sunday, January 29, "commemorating those who have lived and died in Lexington County since 1861." An announcement was made at the service that the offering would be used to defray the expenses of the service and that "any surplus will be used to purchase books for the Lexington County Library in memory of those who are now deceased."

"What, why, when, and how of wills, estates, transfer of property. J. G. Salley talks to the layman with opportunity for questions from the audience." being the topic of a meeting at the Aiken County Public Library, Tuesday, February 28, 8:00 P. M. sponsored by the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library.

The British Library Association, which has a policy of electing in alternate years an eminent person from outside the profession to be its president, choosing author C. P. Snow president for 1961.

The Cherokee County Library having its floors sanded and refinished.

The increasing interest in story telling in Fairfield County. In addition to story hours for two age groups in Winnsboro, Mrs. Sidney Smith, the Ridgeway librarian, is conducting a weekly story hour for older boys and girls on Tuesday afternoon while her niece, Mrs. Logan Crumpton holds one for younger children on Thursdays.

Signor Sergio Era, Director, the U. S. Cultural Center of the U. S. I. S. in Rome, studying the facilities and services of the Richland County Public Library.

Opening of the Pelzer Branch of the Anderson County Library with Mrs. Willard Gosnell as librarian. The attractive quarters were remodeled by the village department of the Kendall Company.

Mr. Curt Edens of Dalzell accepting chairmanship of the Sponsoring Committee for Sumter County's observance of National Library Week. Among those accepting membership on the Committee is Bobby Richardson, baseball star.

Miss Freida Etheridge, formerly on the staff of the Birmingham Public Library, becoming a member of the staff of the catalog department of the Richland County Public Library.

Mrs. George Reid Muldrow, librarian of the Lee County Library, talking via telephone over Station WAGS, Bishopville. Mr. Emory Bedenbaugh, manager of the station, calls Mrs. Muldrow on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings and they talk informally of books, happenings in the library, etc., and, as they talk, the conversation is broadcast. The program is so popular that it may be extended to five days a week.

Mrs. C. E. Bethea, Dillon County Librarian, attending the New York rally of the McLeod clan held in connection with the visit of Dame Flora McLeod, head of the clan. Mrs. Bethea reports that the raging blizzard did not dampen the ardor of the gathering.

Mrs. Richard Mims, who will be librarian of the Forest Lake Branch of the Richland County Public Library, working at present in the circulation department of the library. The new branch will probably be opened in April.

Mrs. R. L. Sumwalt, Jr., assisting temporarily in the Children's Room of the Richland County Library.

REMEMBER THESE DATES

ALA -- Cleveland, July 9-15, 1961

SCLA -- Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina, November 3-4, 1961